

Remarks

Claims 21-40 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required Applicant to restrict the claims of the pending application to one of the following inventions:

Invention I: "a method" (encompassing claims 21-34); or

Invention II: "an apparatus" (encompassing claims 35-40).

In response to the Examiner's requirement, but without conceding the propriety thereof, Applicant elects Invention I (claims 21-34).

Conclusion

Applicant requests that the Examiner allow claims 21-34 and that a patent containing these claims issue in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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